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SUBJECT: EDITORIAL COMMENT ON ELECTIONS

1. THESSALONIKI PAPERS OF SEPTEMBER 18 CARRY EXTENSIVE SPECULATION FROM ATHENS ON PLANS FOR ELECTIONS. ONLY EDITORIAL COMMENT HERE APPEARS IN "ELLINIKOS VORRAS". LEAD-IN TO FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL NOTES THAT WHILE CHIEF EDITOR KYROU RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS BUT EXPECTED TO RETURN SOON, PAPER CANNOT REFRAIN FROM COMMENTARY AT THIS STAGE.

2. EDITORIAL CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE ELECTIONS IN ORDER TO GIVE PM KARAMANLIS MANDATE TO COMPLETE TRANSITION FROM MILITARY REGIME TO CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY. PAPER COMMENTS THAT DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, ECONOMY, EDUCATION, AND CHURCH ARE "IN RUINS" AND GREECE "WAVERING BETWEEN CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY AND CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC". TIME AND AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT "CLEAN-CUT, LONG TERM PROGRAM" CAN BE GAINED ONLY THROUGH EARLY ELECTIONS.
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